

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A camera comprising:  
photographing means;  
positioning means;  
5 positioning timing control means for causing said  
positioning means to execute positioning at a  
predetermined timing to thereby obtain positional  
information;  
memory means for storing a plurality of images  
10 photographed by said photographing means; and  
memory control means for storing said positional  
information obtained by said positioning timing control  
means in said memory means in association with said  
plurality of photographed images.  
15 2. The camera according to claim 1, wherein said  
predetermined timing for obtaining said positional  
information is when said camera is powered on or  
powered off.  
3. The camera according to claim 1, wherein said  
20 predetermined timing for obtaining said positional  
information is when a photographing mode is set or is  
released.  
4. The camera according to claim 1, wherein said  
predetermined timing for obtaining said positional  
25 information is when a date or a date and time are  
changed.  
5. The camera according to claim 1, wherein said

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wherein said positioning timing control means

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18. A camera comprising:  
photographing means for acquiring image data of a  
subject;  
positioning means; and

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positioning timing control means for controlling  
said positioning means in such a way that positioning



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wherein said control means performs control to inhibit said positioning operation or said photographing operation based on a result of setting by said priority operation setting means.

24. The camera according to claim 18, further

comprising memory means for storing a photographed image acquired by said photographing means in association with said positioning information acquired by said positioning means.

25. The camera according to claim 18, further comprising means for inhibiting photographing by said photographing means while positioning is carried out by said positioning means.

26. The camera according to claim 18, further comprising notification means for notifying positioning being in progress while positioning is carried out by said positioning means.

27. The camera according to claim 26, wherein said notification means includes a display lamp or a sound output unit.

28. The camera according to claim 21, further comprising means for inhibiting photographing by said photographing means while positioning is carried out by said positioning means.

29. The camera according to claim 21, further comprising notification means for notifying positioning being in progress while positioning is carried out by said positioning means.

30. The camera according to claim 29, wherein said notification means includes a display lamp or a sound output unit.

31. A positioning information acquisition method

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for a camera having photographing means and positioning means, wherein said positioning means is controlled in such a way as to execute positioning immediately before or immediately after photographing by said photographing means.

32. A positioning information acquisition method for a camera having photographing means and positioning means, comprising the steps of:

controlling said positioning means in such a way as to execute positioning at a predetermined time interval; and

acquiring positioning information provided by said positioning means immediately before or immediately after photographing by said photographing means.

33. A positioning information acquisition method for a camera having photographing means and positioning means, wherein a positioning operation by said positioning means and a photographing operation by said photographing means are controlled in such a way that a positioning timing of said positioning means and a photographing timing of said photographing means do not overlap each other.

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